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ACTION: USUN, NEW YORK 13

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REF: Marr/Byrnes Conversation Today

~~Department believes~~ Mission should advise Stavropoulos that

under Section 15(2) Headquarters Agreement resident members of  
staffs of Permanent Representatives to the UN must be agreed to  
by the US before diplomatic privileges or immunities are granted.

In regard to Santiesteban Department received request for  
Privileges and Immunities on October 25. Processing began  
immediately and was still under way when FBI requested holding  
action until the espionage matter involving Santiesteban could  
be resolved. FYI. We believe we may use at a later date, if  
necessary, the fact that Santiesteban's espionage activities  
are known to have begun in New York at least as early as  
October 27, <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ days after the request for his Privileges  
and Immunities reached Washington. ~~END FYI.~~

Departmental spokesmen, if asked, will state that under Section 15 of  
Headquarters Agreement members of the staffs of missions to the UN are  
granted diplomatic immunity only after agreement has been given by the US  
Government. At the time of arrest of Santiesteban, a request for diplomatic

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immunity for him was in process but immunity had not been granted. USUN requested to  
make similar response in answer to queries in New York.

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